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REMARKS

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1. On 25 July 1953, preparations were apparently under way for the quartering of KVPs at the NCO school in Potsdam. Three officers and about 20 VPs were in the barracks yard. Two trucks each with one trailer loaded with straw arrived at the installation. 1

2. The barracks installation in Golm was guarded by KVP during the period from 11 through 30 July. No information on the occupation strength and training activity were available.

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3. From 11 to 17 July, Plant II of the ROW in Rathenow was occupied by an estimated 300 KVPs who wore crimson collar patches. The officers wore black-bordered crimson collar patches. Six AT guns which had arrived on 7 June, were sheltered in an open wooden shed. On 13, 15 and 16 July, trucks []

[] each with one trailer and occupied by personnel were seen leaving the installation toward Neue Schleuse. 25X1C [] a firing range was under construction there. 2

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4. At about 10:15 a.m. on 24 July, a KVP train passed through Brandenburg toward Belzig coming from the direction of Rathenow. The train included an undetermined number of flatcars with sideracks which carried about 12 light AT guns and 10 heavy AT guns and an undetermined number of middle and heavy mortars. 3

5. From 16 to 27 July, the Alte Grenadier Kaserne in Schwerin was occupied by about 1,000 KVPs who wore black-bordered dark-red collar patches, middle-blue and yellow-bordered black collar patches. [] a high headquarters was located at their installation. VPs daily received training with carbines, submachine guns and machine guns at platoon level in the barracks yard and the Werderholz. On 22 July, two battalions each of about 30 men were training with two T-34 tanks equipped with 85-mm guns in the area west of Ludwigsluster Strasse. Trucks seen entering and leaving the installation []

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6. From 16 to 27 July, the KVP quartered in the former Panzerjaeger Kaserne in Spremberg still received basic drill. In the evening on 20 July, a practice alert was performed at the installation and the officers' quarters close to Georgenberg. Motor vehicles seen at the installation included trucks

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7. In the evening on 20 July, truck transported several officers with baggage to the Zur Post Hotel where they were given accommodation. the officers belonged to a detail which, in the event of emergency, was to occupy vital installations such as the post office. Similar measures were also taken in Cottbus and Goerlitz.

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1. Comment. Barracks installation occupied by KVP in Potsdam since June 1953 included the Leibgardehusaren Kaserne and the Garde-du-Corps Kaserne on Stalin Allee, the former NCO school on Jaeger Allee, the Ruinenberg Kaserne and the barracks installation in Golm. The Leibgardehusaren Kaserne and, probably, the barracks installation in Golm are occupied by elements of the Bereitschaft in Potsdam. The other installations may also be occupied by KVP units which were transported to the Berlin area from the zone.

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2. Comment. The troops quartered in Rathenow belong to the Bereitschaft in Kietz which is subordinate to the TV 5000.

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3. Comment. This artillery train probably came from the artillery regiment of the TV 5000 which is stationed in Gloewen.

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4. Comment. The available information indicated that the Alte Grenadier Kaserne on Werder Strasse in Schwerin quarters the TV 5000 headquarters with pertinent signal battalion and engineer battalion with an estimated strength of 500 VPs. The available information as well as estimated occupation strength of 1,000 VPs tends to indicate that still other elements were transferred to the installation. This assumption is disproved, however, by the fact that departure of elements from the barracks installation was not observed until 11 July. No definite information on the occupancy of the Alte Grenadier Kaserne is available.

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5. Comment. the tank regiment of TV 3000 in Spremberg sided with the demonstrators during the German rebellion. See It is possible, therefore, that a special detail consisting of a reliable personnel was stationed in Spremberg.

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